

## *Letter to the Editor*

# Embolisation of Orbital Varix via the Superficial Temporal Vein

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I would like the readers of the journal to know that there is a review of a series of thirty patients with distensible orbital venous anomalies with discussion of "a new technique of management". This series is published in *Ophthalmology* 1999; 106: 1197-1209: Distensible venous malformations of the orbit; clinical and haemodynamic features and a new technique of management. Authors: Lacey B, Rootman J, Marotta TR.

I wonder if the management part of this is "hidden" within the paper and therefore not seen. A direct puncture glue technique has been used and significantly aids in subsequent surgical excision of these lesions.

The authors of the paper in *Interventional Neuroradiology* state "attempts at endovascular management are strongly recommended

prior to surgical excision". I agree, but would add this direct puncture glue technique as another tool to be considered where clinically appropriate. The importance of understanding the venous anatomy and the ability to "control" haemodynamics is key.

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